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SUBJ: BILATERAL OIL AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 229942, (B) STATE 234132

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY HAS ASKED ME
TO TRANSMIT TO YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

BEGIN TEXT REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR MESSAGE OF SEPTEMBER 18,
1976 RECEIVED THROUGH AMBASSADOR HELMS. (PARAGRAPH)

I REGRET YOUR NEW PROPOSAL REPRESENTS SUCH COMPLETE DEPARTURE
FROM THE PRINCIPLES WHICH WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED SHOULD
FORM THE BASIS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS THAT IT CANNOT IN ANY WAY
BE CONSIDERED BY US. IT IS SO ONE-SIDEDLY FORMULATED THAT WE
CANNOT THINK OF ONE GOOD REASON THAT WOULD JUSTIFY ACCEPTANCE
ON OUR PART. IN FACT, WE FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE
PROPOSAL WAS PREPARED WITH THE SERIOUS INTENTION OF CONCLUDING
AN AGREEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.
(PARAGRAPH)

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE REGRET WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT
TO ABANDON THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. END OF TEXT.
HELMS

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